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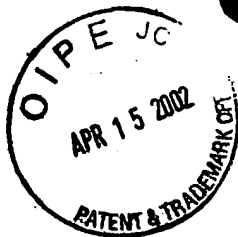
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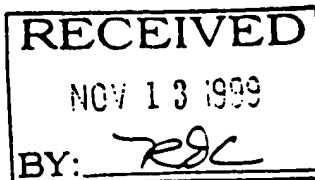
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In re application of
Bernardo A. Gutierrez et al

Serial No.: 09/353,422
Filed: July 15, 1999
For: PARTICLE FEEDING APPARATUS
FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL POWER
SOURCE AND METHOD OF MAKING
SAME

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER M.P.E.P. 708.02 V

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 15, 1999, requesting that the above identified application be granted Special Status under Sections 37 C.F.R. 1.102 and M.P.E.P 708.02 V.

The petition has been considered and found to comply with the requirements set forth under the above noted section.

The petition is GRANTED.

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In re Application of
Jeffrey A. Colborn
Serial Number: 09/449,176
Filed: November 24, 1999
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PREVENTING
THE FORMATION OF DENDRITES IN A
METAL/AIR FUEL CELL, BATTERY OR METAL
RECOVERY APPARATUS

DECISION
ON
PETITION

This is in response to the petition filed November 24, 1999, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under Section 708.02 (V) of the MPEP.

The petition has been considered and found to comply with the requirements set forth under the above-noted section. Accordingly the petition is granted.

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Martin Pinto et al :
Serial Number: 09/521,392 :
Filed: March 8, 2000 :
For: REFUELABLE ELECTROCHEMICAL POWER :
SOURCE CAPABLE OF BEING MAINTAINED :
IN A SUBSTANTIALLY CONSTANT FULL :
CONDITION AND METHOD OF USING THE :
SAME :

DECISION
ON
PETITION

This is in response to the petition filed March 8, 2000, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under Section 708.02 (V) of the MPEP.

The petition has been considered and found to comply with the requirements set forth under the above-noted section. Accordingly the petition is granted.

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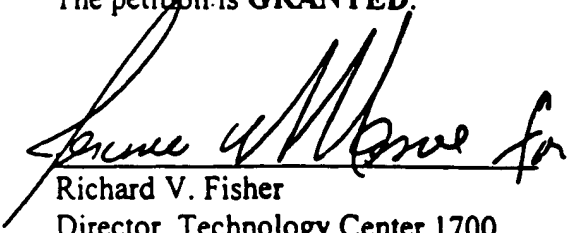
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Filed: May 16, 2000
For: ELECTROLYZER AND METHOD
OF USING THE SAME

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER M.P.E.P. 708.02 V

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 14, 2000, requesting that the above identified application be granted Special Status under Sections 37 C.F.R. 1.102 and M.P.E.P 708.02 V.

The petition has been considered and found to comply with the requirements set forth under the above noted section.

The petition is **GRANTED**.


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In re Application of: Jeffrey A. Colborn
Application No.: 09/627,742
Filed: July 28, 2000
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
POWER MANAGEMENT

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration, filed May 18, 2001 on the petition filed October 3, 2000 under 37 C.F.R. §102(c) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02(V): Environmental Quality, to make the above-identified application special. The request for reconsideration also includes an assertion that this application meets the criteria to be made special under M.P.E.P. § 708.02(VI): Energy.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c), and M.P.E.P. §708.02, Section (VI), must be accompanied by a showing that the application is for an invention which materially contributes to (A) the discovery or development of energy resources, or (B) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources. Examples of inventions in category (A) would be developments in fossil fuels (natural gas, coal, and petroleum), nuclear energy, solar energy, etc. Category (B) would include inventions relating to the reduction of energy consumption in combustion systems, industrial equipment, household appliances etc. Such petitions should be accompanied by statements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the invention materially contributes to category (A) or (B) set forth above. No fee for such a petition is required. (See 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(VI).)

Petitioner's submissions meet the criteria set out above with respect to M.P.E.P. §708.02(VI)(B), reduction of energy consumption. Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to the Examiner of Record for expedited examination.

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